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SUBJECT: DRAFT SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ISSUE

On May 5, 2003, the Draft 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan will be released to the public for a 30-day review period. The Plan outlines MTA's proposed strategy for implementing key transportation improvements through FY 2009. This board box outlines the major elements of the Plan and the proposed schedule through Board consideration on June 26, 2003.

DISCUSSION

A Short Range Transportation Plan has been under development over the last year to identify MTA's programming commitments and implementation schedules for a six-year period through FY 2009. Three progress reports were provided to the Board in June 2002, September 2002, and January 2003.

The Plan allows MTA to look at the transportation system at a more detailed level than was possible in the 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Plan is a performance-based plan that maximizes mobility for Los Angeles County within existing resources. The Plan lays out a schedule and funding recommendations for a variety of transportation projects, including new Metro Rail extensions, Metro Rapid Transitways, a countywide Metro Rapid system, high-capacity buses, carpool lanes, and many other programs.

As part of the Plan public review period, MTA staff will be meeting with sub-regional agencies and congested corridor stakeholders to obtain input and to ensure that the information contained in these sections of the Plan correctly reflects the information provided to MTA staff. In addition, two public workshops will be held on May 13th in the MTA Board Room (from 9-11 a.m. and from 6-8 p.m.) to allow more public participation and feedback on the Plan. A summary of meeting comments and all written correspondence will be provided to the MTA Board prior to taking action on the Plan in late June 2003.

Copies of the Plan are available to the public by calling MTA's Short Range Transportation Plan telephone Hotline at 213-922-2833 or on MTA's Website. Written comments can be submitted to MTA by mail or by e-mail (mtaplan@mta.net).

NEXT STEPS

The Plan will be presented at the May 14, 2003 Planning and Programming meeting and subsequently to the Board on May 22, 2003. Following completion of the public review period on June 4, 2003, the Plan will be considered for Board approval in late June 2003. Attached is a schedule of the Plan highlights.

Attachment: Schedule for Draft 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan

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2003 Short Range Transportation Plan Schedule

May 5 – June 4	Draft Plan Released for Public Review
May 7	MTA Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8	MTA Board Staff Briefing
Month of May & June	Meet with Sub-regions to Review and Receive Comment on Draft Plan
May 14	MTA Planning and Programming Review Draft Plan
May 22	MTA Board Review Draft Plan
June 4-18	Staff Considers Comments and Prepares Final Recommendations
June 18 2003	Planning and Programming Committee
June 26 2003	MTA Board Action on 2003 Plan